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SUBJECT: FOREIGN RELATIONS: PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S VISIT TO
GREECE

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. CYPRIOT PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU ARRIVED
IN ATHENS FROM NICOSIA AUGUST 5 FOR A PRIVATE VISIT OF ABOUT
15 DAYS. THE PRESS REPORTED HE MADE THE FOLLOWING ARRIVAL
STATEMENT, AS REPORTED IN THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THE SEMI-
OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN:

2. BEGIN TEXT: "OF COURSE, SINCE I AM HERE I SHALL AVAIL
MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE TALKS WITH THE PRIME
MINISTER, MR. KARAMANLIS, AND PERHAPS ALSO WITH OTHER CABINET
MEMBERS, IN ORDER TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND REFLECTIONS ON THE
CYPRUS ISSUE. I ONLY HOPE I SHALL FIND TIME FOR A LITTLE REST. . .
OUR MAIN SUPPORT IS GREECE AND ITS GOVERNMENT AND ITS PRIME MINISTER,
MR. KARAMANLIS. AT THE SAME TIME, I HAVE NOTED ALSO INDICATIONS
OF STRONGER INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH OUR CAUSE." END TEXT.

3. THE MEDIA HERE ALSO REPORTED PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S
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REMARKS TO THE PRESS AT LARNACA AIRPORT PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE
THAT ON HIS RETURN TO NICOSIA HE WOULD CONVENE THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO FORMULATE POLICY ON
THE FURTHER HANDLING OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL, COMMENT: AS KYPRIANOU INDICATED,
DESPITE THE PRIVATE NATURE OF HIS VISIT, HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY

HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER GREEK LEADERS WHILE HE IS HERE. THE GREEKS, WE KNOW, WERE QUITE UPSET OVER THE WAY KYPRIANOU HANDLED THE RECENT DENKTASH PROPOSALS ON VAROSHA, FEELING THAT HIS QUICK REJECTION OF THEM GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF GREEK CYPRIOT INTRANSIGENCE INTERNATIONALLY. THERE WAS ALSO UNHAPPINESS IN ATHENS OVER KYPRIANOU'S CLAIMS ABOUT AN INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE GOC. WE EXPECT, THEREFORE, THAT KYPRIANOU WILL BE SUBJECTED TO SOME LECTURING BY HIS GREEK COUSINS AND WE WILL BE WATCHING FOR INDICATIONS OF HOW THESE TALKS GO. PUBLICLY, OF COURSE, THE GOG WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ITS ESTABLISHED POSITION THAT THE INITIATIVE ON MATTERS AFFECTING CYPRUS BELONGS TO THE GOC AND THAT GREECE ONLY PLAYS A SUPPORTIVE ROLE. END CONFIDENTIAL.

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